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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well the elections are over. We failed to seat a Secretary and Publicity Director. Hopefully between now and the first of the year we will be fortunate enough to have someone volunteer for the jobs. Wishful thinking?

Our Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 7th at Kennedy Hall. Dec. 1 will be the deadline for buying tickets. There will only be 250 tickets available so buy yours early. If there are children in your group 12 years and under, contact EMME at 724-6986. Santa Claus may have a little something for them. As always, we will have good food, good music, and if you come, we will certainly have good company.

Another year is about to become history. We have had a very productive year, and thanks to your participation, a profitable one! We will be making out a Calendar of Events for the next year as we did last year. There was one event that we were not able to get done; that was the YUGOFEST and for that I apologize.

Also, I wish to thank the officers that are leaving their positions, for the endless hours of hard work and devotion to YACO: EMME COLENDICH, GERI HEEBNER, CAROLE GOSPODNETICH (who left one position only to take another), WALTER ZUROWSKI, EVA BULICH. To each of you, I thank you very much. My thanks also to GEORGE JURICKOVICH for running for the job of Vice President & winning.

You have me for another year. I will work as hard the coming year as I did in the past year, for the benefit of YACO. It has been my pleasure and I thank you for the vote of confidence.

RON HILL

Christmas Wishes



DECEMBER MEETING

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Mystery

(This is the Final part of PERIOD FURNITURE
by Pavao Pavlicic from REVIEW 1/2/86)

The wardrobe was still rocking, for the mustachioed salesman in his haste to escape had brushed against it with his shoulder, and the door swung open. Interest in what was happening by the entrance, the senior policeman gave the door of the wardrobe an irritated push, and it slammed shut. The sound somehow marked an end, for the darkhaired salesman suddenly stopped struggling. He lowered his arms and accompanied the man in uniform back into the stockroom where the magistrate and the senior policeman were still seated and where Hinko Hodak was standing with the young woman who was looking at the wardrobe completely distraught, unaware of what was happening around her. Nobody spoke, everyone was waiting, only the blond youth, the other chief witness, got up from his chest. Hodak waited, too because he realized they wanted to keep the situation under control, even though they didn't know what it was all about. And indeed, the magistrate spoke first.

"So, Mr. Hodak, what's going on? Who is this woman?" The magistrate was a young man

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and in their earlier conversation he had mentioned that he enjoyed the theatre. He was obviously trying to treat the elderly gentleman with old-fashioned courtesy, addressing him with a title what was not unusual in official business. "Well? Who is she?"

"This," said Hinko Hodak slowly, hesitating because he hadn't figured out how to explain his initiative and the whole complicated affair, "this is the wife of the deceased."

"Aha-a," said the senior policeman as if this had clarified everything.

"My condolences," said the magistrate. "It's good you came. How did you know?"

"He told me ..." she indicated Hodak and again stared at the wardrobe.

"I told her," confirmed Hodak.

"So you know her?" asked the policeman shrewdly.

"No," said Hodak. "We met today for the first time."

His lower lip trembled because he felt less like a witness and more like a judge, and he started to panic at the thought that he would have to decide someone's fate. So far he had simply tried to get things moving, and now it had become extremely unpleasant and difficult for him. The magistrate evidently understood and said: "Come, sit down, Mr. Hodak, and tell us what you know. Just take it slowly. We have plenty of time. How is it you know the woman, and what really happened? How did you know she was the wife of the man who died here?"

"I didn't know," replied Hinko Hodak. "I discovered it by chance. I just happened to be there. I happened to pick out that particular wardrobe."

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He paused. It appeared to be the end of the story except that nothing had been revealed yet. Whether or not it was the end and exactly what the pensioner knew, only the dark-haired salesman could tell them.

"I didn't do anything to him," he grumbled, but the woman just turned, glanced at him and again looked at the wardrobe.

Now the magistrate took the initiative. He laid his hands on a cardboard packing case as if it were a desk.

"Wait, let's start again, Mr. Hodak, would you please explain how you think it happened."

Hinko Hodak nodded, and then waited. He knew he had to finish the story but he didn't know how.

"The two of them used to meet here in the stockroom," he said. "maybe there's some kind of a room, I don't know ..."

"There is," volunteered the blond youth near the door proudly.

"They used to meet," continued Hodak, "and the husband found out about it one day. I thought they were looking at the furniture van from the window, but they had actually spotted her husband, who was probably following his wife. He went into the stockroom, hoping to catch them in the act. He was carrying

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(PERIOD FURNITURE continued)

"Wait a minute," interrupted the policeman. "What did you discover by chance?"

"I happened," said Hodak, "to see ... the lady talking to a man. This man here," and he glanced at the salesman with the dark moustache who was pale now and mumbling something.

"Aha," repeated the policeman, raising his eyebrows again as if expecting to hear more. But the magistrate asked:

"When was that?"

"It was just before I decided," answered Hodak with growing confidence, "to buy that wardrobe. Ten minutes before. Upstairs on the first floor."

"You heard the conversation?" asked the magistrate impatiently.

He had forgotten all about being cautious, tactful, and was in a hurry to learn as much as possible.

"I didn't hear it," said the pensioner.

"You didn't? Then how did you know?"

"I didn't know. I guessed later on, when it was all over and too late. I remembered how they acted, so ..."

He remembered the pantomime by the window on the first floor, reconstructing it in his mind very clearly. He was on safer ground now.

"Well?" prompted the policeman.

"They were standing by the window talking. I thought the lady was a customer and they were arguing about something. They were looking through the window. I thought she had returned some furniture she wasn't satisfied with. Then he rushed down the back stairs."

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Potpourri

By BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

Nov. 2 meeting, election nite, brought out only 30 members. I ended up chairing the Xmas Dinner tickets so please call me when you want to buy yours. I sold about 8 or 10 on the meeting nite. Remember - NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR and the deadline is Dec. 1. Please call me (724-1284). YACO needs your support ... Good thoughts and positive energies go out to MARY LAZINBAT who is recently out of the hospital and MATO KULISH who has been in the Watsonville Hospital for back injury. I hope you are both up and out by now ... JOHN BASOR spoke about a Song & Dance International Festival at Cabrillo. For more info please call JOHN ... ANDY GULERMOVICH spoke about a Tam Festival being in San Jose, Oct. 10, 11 & 12, 1987. ANDY will be the one to contact for any info concerning this great event in our area. Maybe YACO will be able to get a busload together by then. Sure hope so ... We had a very interesting approach given to us (by DALE SKILICORN) on possibly a new Kalifornski format. I'm sure we will hear more about this. As of this writing, you can count on getting your Kalifornski with your membership ... Harmonija has certainly been busy this past year and most recently a cultural event at Watsonville Fox Theatre. Good luck Harmonija ... Did I tell you about cigarettes in Yugo

called Ronhill? Jozo Hungic first sent one pack to RON HILL and since then HELEN UKSTEAD has brought him 2 packs and also ZARKO RADICH gave him a pack. Jozo Hungic says everyone in Yugo knows and talks about Ronhill ... Familiar Faces: M/M NICK DERPICH, M/M HERB STOCKING, M/M JOHN SELAK, M/M STEVE ZALAC, M/M PETE CERNOKUS, MARY BURDICK, NAIDA NICHOLAS, W. ZUROWSKI, STELLA LUCICH, ELLA KORACH, MARY GIZDICH, IRENE STRAZICICH, LENA STRAZICICH, ANN BACKOVICH, M/M JERRY GOSPODNETICH, ZARKO RADICH & sons, SASA & RADOVAN, EMME COLENDICH, GERI HEEBNER, GEORGE JURICKOVICH and LUCE BASOR. And it was nice to see KATE BJELOKOSICH again at one of our meetings. It's good to see you KATE ... Did you know that the little grocery store in Broadview on Green Valley Road had some cartons of juice from Yugoslavia? We tried some and it was just great. Try some.

Special thanks to JOHN BASOR for the pins ... Be sure and contact me about your Xmas Dinner tickets (Dec. 7). We need your \$10 and twelve and under \$5 ... I hope you didn't miss the "Boulevard of Flags" on Veterans' Day. It sure brings a lump to your throat ... One more thing before I go, I would love to have a recipe for Kontonjaca (Quince candy) and Persimmon Cookies. "Tis the Season". Can you help me?

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SIMIC GALLERIES

SIMIC points out, "I understand that through publicity and repeated exposure that new talent can become great talent. Artists in previous centuries never saw their claim to fame because they lacked this advantage. When we look at artists like Van Gogh, Sisley, and Gauguin, it is sad to think they died penniless and unknown. I don't want this to happen to young artists who have brilliant futures ahead of them. Therefore I offer artists an opportunity to present their work to the public and in turn give art collectors the opportunity to find 'the painting of their dreams.' The reward for me is a feeling of satisfaction and fulfillment."

Over 500 artists submit their art to SIMIC each year, and this number seems to be increasing according to his administrative assistant. Though overseeing five galleries, traveling between three cities, and maintaining personal business contacts in Europe, SIMIC still finds time to review every artist applicant. He comments with a smile, "I remember how important it was to me as an aspiring young artist to have established critics review my work and give me suggestions to enrich my skills. Being an artist myself, I have experienced the trials and tribulations of this profession. I am empathetic to artists' needs while most gallery owners have no concept of the sacrifices they endure in order to paint."

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SIMIC acquires new artists through mail submittals, direct interviews, and agent contacts. Though basically traditional in his choice of artwork, occasionally he will try something "new" to test the changing tastes of the market. SIMIC states, "Being adventurous and taking calculated risks has helped my business to grow. I'm always open to fresh ideas if the final outcome looks appealing ... whether it be in the form of acquiring art, placing advertising, establishing gallery policy or finding a new gallery location."

While SIMIC Galleries is associated with traditional realism in art, over the past two years the number of Impressionist painters hanging on the walls has tripled. SIMIC comments, "The realm of Impressionism is making a comeback after its unique movement in the nineteenth century. As much as realism is commanding the attention of collectors, Impressionism too, is making an impact on the art world. We are all familiar with the originators of the school of Impressionism: Monet, Renoir, Bazille, Pissarro, Manet, Cezanne, Sisley, and Degas. However today's Impressionists are also creating exciting compositions that allow the mind to step into broad colorful strokes and daubs of color." He continues, "We are expanding into the world of Impressionism faster than any other gallery I know of. SIMIC Galleries (Continued next page)

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represents over thirty top Impressionists, many who live and paint in Europe, and we're working to expand this number all the time."

This easily explains SIMIC'S regular flights to Europe where he personally discovers new talent as well as "signing-up" already revered Impressionist artists.

SIMIC'S eyes brighten and he begins to speak of La Jolla. "Sometimes I feel like I have a guardian angel watching over me. You might say I was guided by intuition to open a gallery in La Jolla. I have good feelings about this new venture, and I feel we can make as much of an impact upon this art market as we did in Carmel. La Jolla is an affluent community and a natural resort area. As yet its art community has been fairly dormant, but we plan to change this. Already I have begun a large-scale

promotional campaign to introduce SIMIC Galleries to Southern California, offering not only the finest art by today's contemporary masters, but also housing it in a stunning and luxurious setting. La Jolla is our largest single gallery location, featuring over 6,000 square feet of gallery space. With brass railings and ceiling moulding, velvet-like wall paper, red carpeting and antique furnishings, - it is a jewel."

It seems there is little that SIMIC cannot do. Having chosen excellent locations for all his galleries, hiring a knowledgeable staff, and attracting the most renowned artists both in America and abroad, his future in the art world seems limitless. There is "talk" that he may expand into the Hawaiian art market as well as back East, but SIMIC says he is comfortable on the West Coast.

As for his immediate goals, SIMIC plans to open a corporate division catering to the needs of large businesses as well as increasing his trips overseas to stay in touch with the European art market.

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"WELCOME TO JUGOBANKA"

HARMONIJA



By NAIDA NICHOLAS

The curtain at the Fox Theater opened and before the lights went out I spotted many of our friends in the audience. Celebrating the diversity of the Pajaro Valley is a commendable concept, and worthwhile pursuing and working together toward future celebrations. And, what a beautiful way to learn from each other.

On December 20th, Saturday, Harmonija again, will be singing Christmas carols from St. Patrick's choir loft - time 5:00 p.m. Our choirs annual Christmas party follows - the place to be announced later.

Please don't miss the very important practice sessions: Dec. 1 and Dec. 15.

YACO and Harmonija send their warmest best wishes for a peaceful and joyous Holiday Season.

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VESELI SELJACI NEWS

by Nancy Bjoletich

We returned from the Minneapolis Tamburitza Extravaganza tired but feeling great about the tremendous reception we received. We performed many times throughout the four day affair, always to a very appreciative audience. It is a gratifying experience to travel to the center of tamburitza culture in this country and feel that we in the West have kept up with the tradition and hold the respect of more established regions.

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The Minneapolis extravaganza was well organized, superbly decorated, with lots of little extras that made it special. One example was the slide show at the end of the banquet, telling the story of the migration of Yugoslavs to this country. It depicted the struggles of these people and their efforts to retain some of their Yugoslav cultural traditions in America. The beginnings of tambura music in this country and its growth to present day popularity were documented. It was a thoughtful, touching end to the weekend's festivities that capsulized the reason we were all there.

Our neighbors to the East are very enthusiastic about the 1987 Tamburitza Extravaganza in San Jose. Reservation forms for the Hyatt Hotel went like hotcakes! Looks like a lot of people plan to center their vacations next year around the extravaganza! A word to the wise--if you plan to stay at the hotel perhaps you should make your reservations now. It sounds incredibly early, but there is a definite rush for rooms. The 1987 Tamburitza Extravaganza will be held on October 8, 9, and 10 with a picnic on Sunday, October 11, at Napredak. The number to call is the Hyatt Hotel, San Jose (408) 298-0300. Be sure to tell them that you want the group rate of \$48 plus tax double occupancy for the 1987 Tamburitza Extravaganza. If you have other questions, you can contact George Pesut, chairman of the San Jose event. His number is (408) 253-1267.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our monthly newsletter is now being printed, assembled and mailed by RAPID OFFSET PRINTING at 22 E. Lake Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076 - (408) 724-2900. DALE SKILLICORN & JANET (PELICH) JUSTUS are YACO members and are handling the work on our KALIFORNSKI. Thanks for a Great Job!

On October 4, the Veseli Seljaci performed in Fresno, California for an ethnic festival at the downtown Fulton Mall. We were part of the Yugoslav exhibit that featured dancers, a live goat, a lamb roasting on the "razan", a costume display, flags of the various regions of Yugoslavia, and lots of great food: kobasice, lamb sandwiches, rostule, baklava, etc. We had a great day singing and playing for passersby who stayed to sing-along with us. The evening television newscasts all featured our orchestra, so we enjoyed celebrity status for one day in Fresno!

This month we will perform at a testimonial dinner at St. Sava Church in Cupertino to honor Spiro and Sophie Rafalovich. Spiro is a member of our orchestra. Congratulations to you, Spiro and to your wife Sophie on your well-earned recognition.



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HI LITES!

I received a delightful letter from MILLIE NOSICH RICHARDS. She returned from a marvelous time at the EXTRAVAGANZA. She visited the Expo twice and now is busy as a bee with bazaars and bake sales. She baked for three bake sales in one weekend. That's what comes from all her friends knowing that she enjoys baking and is pretty good at it!

MILLIE said that her reservations are already in for the TAMBURITZA EXTRAVAGANZA 1987 in San Jose, California with Veseli Seljaci. MILLIE is the Group Expert for such affairs and events. She is apparently quite good at it!

MILLIE is set for a very busy Social Life this coming year and the rest of this year. She never seems to stop!!! SHE IS A REAL DELIGHT!

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We are a non-profit, non-political, and non-religiously oriented organization, and our main purpose for coming together was to simply bring the various members of the Slavic community at large together for their mutual cultural enjoyment.

We are very proud to have among our members, Yugoslav-Americans whose families came from the many different regions and republics of today's Yugoslavia. We also have many members who are non-slavic but enjoy, appreciate and support the slavic culture and its vast richness.

Our goals are as we mentioned before, ONLY to promote a cultural awareness and appreciation of our heritage as well as to bring Slavs and non-slavs together in a social and cultural atmosphere. Our programs include folk dances from all regions of Yugoslavia as well as slides and movie presentations, history lectures, folk singing (we have a singing group called "HARMONIJA" who perform not only for YACO functions, but celebrate marvelous performances for many other groups both locally and out of the city), language instruction, and other various cultural activities.

Won't you consider joining us for a good time as well as a very informative experience? All memberships include the receipt of this paper, THE KALIFORNSKI each month to keep you informed of YACO's activities and other informative news.

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1. Trips by YACO members.
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5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs.
6. Yugoslav recipes.
7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories.
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Yugoslav stories for children.
10. Anything you think might be of interest to YACO members.

NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.

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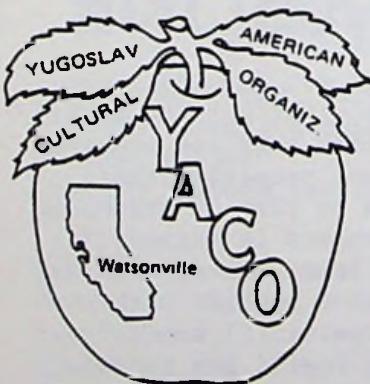
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MY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR BEING FAITHFUL READERS AND DROPPING ME A LINE FROM TIME TO TIME. PATRICIA

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